SO ORDERED: 219/08

Date:

United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

HEDGECO, LLC d/b/a HEDGECO NETWORKS,

Case No.: 08 CV 0494 (SHS)

Plaintiff,

- against -

DECLARATION OF ERIC WEINSTEIN

JEFFREY SCHNEIDER and JARED TOREN,

Defendants.

ERIC WEINSTEIN, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declares and states under penalty of perjury as follows:

- I am a partner with the law firm Feldman Weinstein & Smith LLP. I submit this 1. declaration pursuant to Local Civil Rule 1.4, in connection with defendants' seeking an order permitting them to change counsel.
- 2. I have spoken at length with defendants' current counsel. That firm does quite a bit of hedge fund work and became concerned about a possible conflict of interest. The firm then introduced the defendants, who reside out of state, to me.
- 3. This is a recently-filed case. Although I only received a signed retainer letter yesterday, I am in a position to comply with the current deadlines, to wit: respond to the complaint and oppose the request (brought by order to show cause) for preliminary injunctive relief, by February 15, 2008.

Dated: New York, New York February 15, 2008